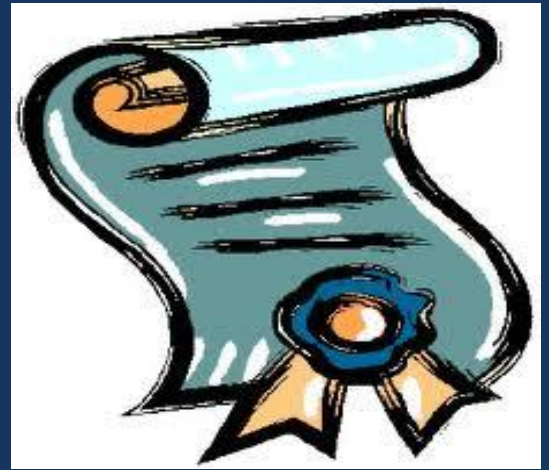


# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: June 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County solely while the Maryland General Assembly is not in session. Below, you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation under consideration by the County Council and a link to view the legislation online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). You can also

take advantage of the opportunity to sign-up to testify online for Council bills. To do so, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/IframeTemplate.aspx?ID=6442455146>.

## Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

\*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### **CR83-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nathaniel Alston, Jr. to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR84-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John T. Blake to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR85-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jae Chon to the Personnel Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR86-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Karen Greenfield to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR87-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Caroline Harper to the Housing and Community Development Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR88-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the**

**County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ronald J. Hartman to the Public Transportation Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR89-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stacy L. Spann to the Housing Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR90-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitchell W. Stringer to the Pension Oversight Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR91-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alex Walker to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR92-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of B. Jerome Jackson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR93-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ike Okoye to the Housing and Community Development Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR94-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the**

**County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stephen Rivers to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR95-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jennifer R. Smith to the Commission for Women.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR96-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of S. Allan Shad to the Historic District Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR97-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Song, Ph.D. to the Board of Health.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**GENERAL****CB23-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB24-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT creating the Downtown Columbia Partnership; defining certain terms; establishing the Downtown Columbia Management District; setting forth the composition, qualifications and term of the Partnership's Board of Directors; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring that the Board adopt bylaws and that the bylaws contain certain provisions, including ethical standards and disclosure requirements; requiring the Partnership to perform certain duties; setting forth the powers and duties of the Partnership; providing for certain funding and certain payments required by the Downtown Columbia Plan; providing that the Partnership serves as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and that certain funds shall be used to make affordable housing more available; requiring certain transportation initiatives; requiring that the Partnership prepare certain reports and keep certain records; allowing the Partnership to use certain methods of procurement; requiring Partnership compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act laws; setting forth the Partnership's legal advisor; providing a method to terminate the existence of the Downtown Columbia Partnership; providing for staggered terms for the initial members of the Board; and generally relating to the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB25-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the process for comprehensive zoning; defining certain terms; clarifying the County Council authority related to comprehensive zoning, clarifying the purpose of zoning districts and zoning regulations; requiring certain notice of a comprehensive zoning plan; requiring certain procedures before the Planning Board and the County Council; allowing for the consideration of certain requests; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to comprehensive zoning in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB26-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT adopting PlanHoward 2030 as the general plan

for Howard County, Maryland, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR98-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chair**

A RESOLUTION requesting that certain County Boards and Commissions comment on the draft PlanHoward 2030 and forward their comments to the County Executive and County Council for consideration.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR99-2012**

#### **Introduced By, Council Member Calvin Ball**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 202 "County Council" of the Howard County Charter by changing from three to four the maximum number of terms the Council Members can serve; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR100-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter to make various technical changes; to amend Section 202 "The County Council" by removing an obsolete factor to be considered in redistricting; to amend Section 501 "The County Board of Appeals" by correcting a citation to the Annotated Code of Maryland; to amend Section 601 "Fiscal year and tax year definitions", Section 615A "Budget Stabilization", and Section 615B "Restrictions on Use of Surplus Revenues" in order to consolidate certain duplicate definitions; to amend Section 709 "Prohibitions" by correcting a typographical error; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR101-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 208 “Sessions of the County Council; quorum; rules of procedure”, Section 209 “Legislative Procedure”, Section 210 “Recording, printing and compilation of laws”, and Section 604 “Filing of proposed budget; copies” of the Howard County Charter by changing various publication and advertising requirements to provide that certain information also be made available in at least one electronic medium; proposing to amend Section 209 “Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to post emergency legislation; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR102-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 209 “Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR103-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 211 “The referendum” of the Howard County Charter by providing that the number of required signatures for a referendum be 5% of the qualified voters of the County calculated upon the whole number of votes cast in the County for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA

of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR104-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 611 “Lapsed appropriations” of the Howard County Charter to permit the County to carry over grant funds from one fiscal year to the next; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR105-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 613 “Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget”, of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR106-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the  
Charter Review Commission**

A RESOLUTION proposing to repeal Section 906 “Copies of books and papers on demand” and Section 907 “Inspection of books, accounts, and papers” of the Howard County Charter and replace them with new Section 906 “Right to Inspect and Copy Public Records”; making the public access provisions of the County Charter consistent with the Maryland Public Information Act; expanding the public right to inspect records to include all persons; permitting persons to obtain copies of public records upon payment of a reasonable fee prescribed by the County Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the

Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR107-2012**

**Introduced By The Chairperson**

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on July 26, 2012.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**FINAL CONSIDERATION**

*Any Amendment that has a stike through (~~strike~~), failed.*

*Any Amendment that is in brackets { } was not introduced.*

**APPOINTMENTS**

**CR47-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Richard J. Bergin to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR48-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of N. Joseph Gagliardi, M.D., to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR49-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Douglas C. Lea to the Commission on Disability Issues.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR50-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas K. Munns to the Board of Library Trustees.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR51-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Louise B. Riemer to the Board of Library Trustees.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR52-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tracy Snyder to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR53-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cory J. Summerson to the Public Works Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR54-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Reginald T. Avery to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR55-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Samuel G. Crozier to the Historic District Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR56-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mark D. Donovan to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory

Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR57-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Yvonne C. Howard to the Board of Social Services.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR58-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Athena Kan to the Commission for Women.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR59-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Robert Seipel to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR60-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Eileen Tennor to the Historic District Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR61-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Tracey L. Williams to the Board of Social Services.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**FINANCIAL (NON BUDGET)**

**CR62-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between

major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012; transferring \$3,102,500 to the Maintenance of Plant category; transferring \$720,000 to the Fixed Charges category; transferring \$1,209,800 to the Instruction-Textbook/Supplies category; and transferring \$2,720,000 to the Mid-Level Administration category.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR63-2012**

**Administrative Explanation**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance by Howard County, Maryland, of up to \$6,000,000 of its limited obligation bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to Soccer Association of Columbia, Inc. to be used to (1) refund (a) the Howard County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond (Soccer Association of Columbia Facility) 2008 Issue and (b) Howard County, Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond (Soccer Association of Columbia Facility) 2003 Issue; and (2) finance the costs of constructing, equipping and improvement of a grass soccer field and additional parking at the existing soccer complex in Ellicott City in the County, costs of issuance and other related costs; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance of bond anticipation notes for such purposes; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, documents or procedures; and specifying and describing various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**SAO8-FY2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$30,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Circuit Court in order to pay jury stipends.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**GENERAL**

**CB14-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the**

**County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Employees' Retirement Plan to ensure that a cost of living adjustment can never be negative; to correct the name of a certain index; and generally relating to the Howard County Employees' Retirement Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB15-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan to ensure that a cost of living adjustment can never be negative; to correct the name of a certain index; and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR64-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale of a surplus mainframe to the Charles County Public School System.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR65-2012****Introduced by The Chairperson**

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on May 31, 2012.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR66-2012****Introduced by The Chairperson**

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on June 1, 2012.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**BUDGET****CB16-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the duration of the taxicab certificate

and the taxicab driver's license; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to the Taxicab Code of Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB17-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing payscales for employees, amending pay grades for certain employees; adding certain premium pays; adding pay grades that apply to certain bargaining units; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB18-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; amending certain class descriptions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB19-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2013.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB20-2012****Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$116,555,760 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, roadside and

sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, and intersection improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2013 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB21-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$91,799,179 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB22-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$22,461,022 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be

used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects and other capital projects specified and described in the County's 2013 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR67-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2022.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR68-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR69-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2013 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR70-2012**

##### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of



Education.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR71-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR72-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR73-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR74-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR75-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance, including a schedule of fees for parking meter rates.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR76-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR77-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for:

- (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan;
- (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card;
- (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board;
- (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee;
- (5) Participation in work release program;
- (6) Participation in home detention program;
- (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs;
- (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services;
- (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and (10) Reproduction of public records.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR78-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR79-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR80-2012**

**Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the

Building Excise Tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR81-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2012.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR82-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **TABLED**

### **CR150-2011**

#### **Introduced By, Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action: Tabled 10/3/2011*

*Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson*

*Nay – Council Member Ball*

### **CR31-2012**

#### **Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of G. Scott Harding to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

*Final Action: Tabled 5/7/2012*

*Votes: Unanimous*

## **THE PROCESS**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Quarterly meeting with Board of Education at 8:15am
- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Work Session – Capital Budget (except Education) at 1pm. C. Vernon Gray Room
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Option Work Session at 4:30pm
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Legislative Work Session at 4:30pm
- Monday, April 30, 2012 Public Hearing Operating Budget (except Education) at 7:30pm
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012 Work Session (Operating) at 8:30am in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, May 7, 2012 Constant Yield at 7pm
- Monday, May 7, 2012 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Work Session, Community Services, Funds, Revenues at 9:30am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Public Hearing at 11am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Saturday, May 12, 2012 Public Hearing (Operating Capital) Education, Library, HCC at 9am

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting [www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_WatchUs.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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*"The ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." ~ Albert Schweitzer*